



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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RN & LPN NURSE LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

South Dakota joined the [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) January 1, 2001. If your primary state of residence (where you hold a driver's license, pay taxes, and/or vote) is also a [Compact State](#), you are not eligible for RN or LPN licensure in South Dakota. For more information, or to check the status of your state, see www.ncsbn.org.

Please follow instructions carefully to avoid delays in processing your application. You can expect that it will take 3-6 weeks before all forms are received by this Board office so that your application can be considered for approval. Applications for licensure are maintained for one year only; all fees are non-refundable.

1. APPLICATION AND FEES

- Complete Application for Licensure by Endorsement [Form 1](#).
- The licensure fee payment of \$100 should be made out to South Dakota Board of Nursing. If a Temporary Permit is also desired, see [step 5](#) below.

2. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

- Complete Part I of [Form 2](#) and send it to the office of the [Board of Nursing](#) in the state in which you were originally licensed as a nurse. To expedite the process, contact that Board of Nursing to determine whether you should enclose a fee with Form 2. That Board will return the completed form directly to the South Dakota Board of Nursing.
- If your original state of licensure requires licensure verification through NURSYS, please use the online verification process available at www.nursys.com. You may use the same link to see a list of participating states.

3. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT

- To obtain or retain an active nursing license, you must provide verification of nursing employment or volunteer work of at least 140 hours in any 12-month period, or an accumulated total of at least 480 hours, within the preceding 6 years. If you are unable to provide verification, contact the [Board](#) concerning a Nurse Refresher Course.
- Complete the top portion of [Form 3](#) and send it to your employer(s)/former employer(s) for verification. The completed form will be returned directly to the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

4. REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT

Complete [Form 4](#) and send it to the Office of Registrar of the nursing education program which prepared you for initial licensure. An official transcript, not a copy, is required. Contact your Registrar's office to determine whether you should enclose any fee with Form 4.

5. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

You must use fingerprint cards that are provided to you by the South Dakota Board of Nursing office. To request that fingerprint materials be mailed to you, please call the Board of Nursing (605) 362-2760 or send your request via email to Jill.Vanderbush@state.sd.us. The processing fee for the criminal background check is \$43.25 and should be made payable to South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

6. TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICATION

A Temporary Permit is required before you can begin orientation or practice nursing while awaiting licensure. The Temporary Permit is issued for one 90-day period and is not renewable. All fees are non-refundable.

A Temporary Permit may be issued by the South Dakota Board of Nursing upon receipt of all of the following:

[Form 1](#): Application for Licensure by Endorsement with \$100 fee

[Form 5](#): Temporary Permit Application with \$25 fee

Photocopy of a current LPN or RN license bearing an expiration date

Completed Criminal Background Check fingerprint cards



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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT: FORM 1 – PG 1 OF 2

All information on this form is to be completed by the Applicant.
Please type or print in black ink. Note: Fees are non-refundable.

I. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA					
CURRENT LICENSURE:	LPN	RN			
NAME: _____					
	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name	Last Name	Other(s):
PRESENT ADDRESS: _____					
	Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____					
	Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	
HOME TELEPHONE: _____		OTHER TELEPHONE: _____		EMAIL: _____	
DATE OF BIRTH: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		US CITIZEN: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SS# _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
II. PRELIMINARY EDUCATION					
	INSTITUTION NAME & LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	YEAR OF GRADUATION	DEGREE GRANTED	
HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT				<input type="checkbox"/> Diploma	
				<input type="checkbox"/> GED	
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (NON-NURSING)					
III. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION					
	INSTITUTION NAME & LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	DATE OF GRADUATION (MM/DD/YYYY)	DEGREE GRANTED	
BASIC PROGRAM IN NURSING					
ADDITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION					
ADDITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION					
IV. LICENSURE HISTORY					
STATE	LICENSURE	LICENSE #	YEAR ISSUED	EXPIRATION DATE	
ORIGINAL STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN				
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN				
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN <input type="checkbox"/> LPN				
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V. DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION			
1.	Have you ever been convicted, pled no contest/nolo contendere, pled guilty to, or been granted a deferred judgment or suspended imposition of sentence with respect to a felony, misdemeanor, or petty offense other than minor traffic violations? If YES, provide a signed and dated explanation. You must also submit copies of charges or citations and All communication with (to and from) the citing agency AND the court of jurisdiction, including evidence of completion/compliance with court requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.	Is there any pending criminal prosecution against you which would constitute a felony?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.	Are you currently being investigated or is disciplinary action pending against any professional license(s) or certificate(s) held by you?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
4.	Has any nursing license or certificate ever held by you in any state or country been denied, revoked, suspended, stipulated, placed on probation, or otherwise subjected to any type of disciplinary action?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
5.	Have you ever had privileges revoked, reduced, or otherwise restricted at any hospital or other healthcare provider entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
6.	Have you ever been subject to proceedings by a professional society to revoke, reduce, or restrict membership?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
7.	Have you ever been treated for abuse or misuse of any alcohol or chemical substance?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
8.	Have you ever experienced a physical, emotional, or mental condition that has endangered the health or safety of persons entrusted in your care?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
9.	Do you currently owe child support arrearages in the sum of \$1,000 or more?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
For 2-9 above, provide an explanation for each YES response on a separate piece of paper, with a complete description of dates and circumstances. You must also send ALL supporting applicable documents.			

VI. EMPLOYMENT		
List your last six years of nursing employment. If you have not worked in nursing, please explain.		
DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	INSTITUTION	CITY/STATE
FROM:		
TO:		
FROM:		
TO:		
FROM:		
TO:		
FROM:		
TO:		

VII. DECLARATION OF PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE – AND - AFFIDAVIT	
<p>I declare that my primary state of residence (where I hold a driver's license, pay taxes, and/or vote) is:</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> _____ This is my "home state" under the Nurse Licensure Compact and is my "declared fixed permanent and principal home for legal purposes." </p> <p>I further declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that this application for nurse licensure in South Dakota has been examined by me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> _____ APPLICANT SIGNATURE </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> _____ DATE </div> </div>	



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VERIFICATION OF LICENSE: FORM 2 - PG 1 OF 2

Complete Part I, then send this form to the Board of Nursing in the state where you were originally licensed.
 Most states charge a fee for verification of licensure; to save processing time,
 contact that state [Board of Nursing](#) to determine the appropriate fee to enclose with this form.

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT; FORWARD TO ORIGINAL STATE OF LICENSURE

NAME: _____					
	First	Middle	Maiden	Last	Other(s):
ADDRESS: _____					
	Street or PO Box		City	State	Zip
HOME TELEPHONE: _____		OTHER TELEPHONE: _____		EMAIL: _____	
DATE OF BIRTH: _____			SS# _____		
NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM:	Institution: _____			Degree Granted: _____	
	Location: _____			Date of Completion: _____	
NAME AS IT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL LICENSE: _____					
STATE	TYPE		LICENSE #	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
ORIGINAL STATE OF LICENSURE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
CURRENT STATE OF LICENSURE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
OTHER STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> LP/VN			
I authorize the _____ Board of Nursing to furnish to the South Dakota Board of Nursing the information requested on page 2 of this form.					
SIGNATURE: _____			DATE: _____		



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PART II: TO BE COMPLETED BY ORIGINAL STATE OF LICENSURE AND FORWARDED TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING			
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (APPLICANT NAME):			
WAS ISSUED LICENSE #		TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Practical/Vocational Nursing	
DATE ISSUED:	EXPIRATION DATE:		
LICENSED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> Examination <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver			
CURRENT STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Lapsed			
HAS THE LICENSE EVER BEEN ENCUMBERED (DENIED, REVOKED, SUSPENDED, SURRENDERED, LIMITED, PLACED ON PROBATION)? <input type="checkbox"/>YES <input type="checkbox"/>NO			

IS DISCIPLINARY ACTION PENDING? ☐YES ☐NO If "YES", please provide explanation:

GRADUATED FROM: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> High School Equivalency (GED)				
NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLETED:	INSTITUTION:		TYPE OF PROGRAM	
	LOCATION:	DATE GRADUATED:	<input type="checkbox"/> DIP	<input type="checkbox"/> LPN
			<input type="checkbox"/> AD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> BSN	

STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION							NCLEX	
REGISTERED NURSE						LPN/VN	RN	LPN
TEST	Medical Nursing	Psychiatric Nursing	Obstetric Nursing	Surgical Nursing	Nursing of Children	Date passed	Date passed	Date passed
SCORE								
SERIES/ FORM #								

SEAL

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

STATE _____ DATE _____



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VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT: FORM 3 - PG 1 OF 1

To obtain/retain active status license, the applicant must provide verification of employment in nursing within the previous six years of at least 140 hours in any 12-month period OR an accumulated 480 hours. If you have not worked or volunteered the required number of hours in nursing and wish to obtain a license, contact the SD Board of Nursing for more information.

APPLICANT: COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND FORWARD THE FORM TO YOUR EMPLOYER(S) OR FORMER EMPLOYER(S). THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED FOR ADDITIONAL VERIFICATIONS. RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM(S) TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING.					
NAME:	First	Middle	Maiden	Last	Other(s):
ADDRESS:	Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	
SS#					
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been employed/volunteered as a <input type="checkbox"/>RN <input type="checkbox"/>LPN within the last six years.					
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not been employed as a nurse within the past six years.					
I hereby request and authorize my employer/former employer to release the information requested on this form to the South Dakota Board of Nursing for Licensure purposes.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				DATE	
THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER (PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT HOURS WITHIN THE LAST 6 YEARS)					
The above-named individual (was) employed/volunteered as a nurse		From:		To:	
		Total hours worked in this period:			
I, the undersigned, declare and affirm that, according to our records and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided above for purpose of licensure is true and correct.					
SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE/TITLE				DATE	
NAME OF EMPLOYER:					
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:					
TELEPHONE:			EMAIL:		



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REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT: FORM 4 - PG 1 OF 1

APPLICANT: PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND FORWARD THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR FROM YOUR NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM.				
NAME:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First	Middle	Maiden	Last
	Other(s):			
ADDRESS:	_____			
	Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip
DATE OF GRADUATION:	_____		SS# _____	
<p>I am requesting that an official transcript (must bear raised or color coded school seal) of my nursing education be attached to this request and forwarded to the South Dakota Board of Nursing for licensing purposes.</p>				
SIGNATURE OF NURSE APPLICANT _____			DATE _____	
REGISTRAR: PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE OFFICIAL NURSING TRANSCRIPT AND SEND TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.				



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TEMPORARY PERMIT BY ENDORSEMENT: FORM 5 - PG 1 OF 1

APPLICATION FOR ☐RN ☐LPN

APPLICANT: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS; INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TEMPORARY PERMITS ARE ISSUED FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS, AND ARE NOT RENEWABLE. ▪ SOUTH DAKOTA LAW PROHIBITS THE PRACTICE OF NURSING WITHOUT A VALID SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE OR TEMPORARY PERMIT. ▪ A TEMPORARY PERMIT OR VALID LICENSE IS REQUIRED BEFORE YOU BEGIN ORIENTATION AT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. 				
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL THREE:				
1. A photocopy of a current RN or LPN license with expiration date, from any U. S. state or territory 2. Form 1 – Application for Licensure by Endorsement 3. Fees: \$100 fee for endorsement + \$25 fee for temporary permit = \$125 4. Fingerprint Cards for Criminal Background Check and processing fee of \$43.25				
NAME:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 90%;"> First Middle Maiden Last Other(s): </div>			
ADDRESS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 90%;"> Street or PO Box City State Zip </div>			
SCHOOL OF NURSING:	Institution: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%;"></div>			
	Location: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%;"></div>			
INDICATE WHICH LICENSURE EXAMINATION YOU HAVE WRITTEN:				
<input type="checkbox"/> State Board Test Pool Exam (SBTPE) (Prior to July 1982)	State where exam was written:	Year exam was written:		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX)	State where exam was written:	Year exam was written:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Services Exam	State where exam was written:	Year exam was written:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	State where exam was written:	Year exam was written:		
I will be employed by (Institution): <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%;"></div>				
Address: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%;"></div>				
I will begin employment on (date): <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 90%;"></div>				
The RN applicant for licensure by endorsement into South Dakota who has been issued a temporary permit is required to use the initials "RN App" (Registered Nurse Applicant). The LPN applicant for licensure by endorsement into South Dakota who has been issued a temporary permit is required to use the initials "LPN App" (Licensed Practical Nurse Applicant).				
I certify that all information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> DATE		